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## SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING DEVICE SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION OF NETWORK DEVICES

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention discloses a system and method are described for communicating information that includes multiple network devices that each having at least one network communication port. Each network device is connected to other network device through the communication port. One or more of the network devices is also coupled to an advanced manager through the network device communication port. The advanced manager serves to determine the functionality of the least one network device via the communication port and manage the network device based upon its functionality.